the Sufferers -- Expression Felt at Nice. Toulon, France (By Cable) .- The naval powder magazine of La Goubran, between

La Seyne and Toulor, in the Department of Var, Southern France, exploded at 2.30 o'clock Sunday morning. Many of the soldiers on duty at the magazine were killed, and a number of the inhabitants of the surrounding district in the buildings which were razed also fell victims. \ Over sixty corpses were recovered.

Fifty thousand kilograms of black powder exploded. It looks as though a volcanic eruption had occurred, the country being swept almost bare within a radius of two miles, houses destroyed, trees over-turned and distorted, fields detastated and covered with stones and black dust. A large number of soldiers were em-ployed to clear away the debris. It is im-possible to ascertain accurately the num-ber killed, but it is believed that no fewer than a hundred were injured. than a hundred were injured.
Although it was a clear night the explosion was so terrific as to cause a slight rainfall. Fortunately, the neighboring magazines escaped. It is now believed that the explosion originated in chemical

composition ia smokeless powder. Both the Government and municipal at-thorities forwarded relief funds. M. Loc roy, the Minister of Marine, telegraph about \$2000 toward the maintenance of the families of the victims, and a public sub

scription has been opened here.
All the bodies found or recovered are terribly mutilated. Sixteen were found in the rocks near the shore, and it is feared that others were precipitated into the sea A vehicle moving along a road near the sea was lifted bodily into the water by the force of the explosion, two of its occu-pants being drowned. The scene of the village of La Goubran was appalling. The cries of the wounded were agonizing, and the people were almost frantic. Telegrams from Nice say the explosion was distinctly

Explosion Kills Seven in Russia. ST. PETERSBURG, Bussia (By Cable).—A carboy of benzine exploded a few days ago in a third-class railway carriage on the line to Dwinsk, south of St. Petersburg. The carriage was burned, six women and supply the carriage was burned, six women and supply the carriage was burned, six women was well as the carriage was burned, six women was well as the carriage was burned. man were killed, and sixteen others were

A TORNADO IN TENNESSEE. Several Lives Lost and Great Damage to Property.

ATHENS, Tenn. (Special) .- A terrific toraado passed over a portion of Madisonville and Monroe County a few days ago with disastrous results. Early in the evening s strong wind arose, and several hours later a tornado about seventy yards wide, struck a portion of Madisonville, killing three persompletely destroying twelve or fifteer flouses and several barns.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moser and E. L. Hor-

ton were killed. The wounded are Miss Willie Ervin, Miss Della Mason, Mrs. E. L. Horton, Mrs. L. A. Robinson, L. A. Robin-Hobart Robertson, Mrs. Rodgers and Professor Charles Kelly.

Upper East Tennessee points reported a beavy windstorm accompanied by terrific cains. The rains did untold damage to crops in that section, and it is conserva tively estimated that this torrent, coupled with the recent freeze and bad weather, will mean a loss of a million dollars to tarmers in that section.

A WEST VIRGINIA FRESHET.

Great Damage at Charle

Largely Under Water. CHARLESTON, W. Va. (Special) .- The Kanawna Valley was visited on Sunday by one of the worst floods it ever has known. After several days of heavy rainfall, the Elk River, in an unprecedentedly short time, covered almost the entire valley. Charleston was almost entirely water. Four feet surrounded the State Capitol. The Mayor and leading citizens

Considerable damage has been caused to the coal property along the Kanawha River. The Winifrede coal tipple, dry docks and a dozen barges were swept away about ten miles above Charleston. The Black Cat coal tipple, near the eas bank, was destroyed.

ened a relief station and distribute

provisions and clothing among the suffer-

DEWEY RAISES HIS FLAC.

Saluted as an Admiral by the Forts and American and Foreign Warships. Manila (By Cable) .- Admiral George Dewey raised his flag as an Admiral on the Olympia a few days ago, and was saluted by the guns of the forts, of the foreign warships, the British cruiser Narcissus and the German cruiser Kaiserin Augusta, an by the American ships in port.

Cables His Heartfelt Thanks. WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special) .-- Admira Dewey has cabled Secretary Long as fol

MANILA, March 4. Please accept for yourself, the President and Congress and my countrymen my heart-felt thanks for the great honor which has

en conferred upon me. DEWEY. THREE TRAINS WRECKED.

All Plunged at the Same Time Into : Landslide Near Altoona.

ALTOONA, Penn. (Special) .- The Pennsylwania Raliroad's "newspaper flyer," which as due in this city at 7.55 a. m., and two freight trains were wrecked thirty miles east of this city at 7 o'clock Sunday morning by a landslide at Ardenheim. Twenty cars and three locomotives were broken up, two of the trainmen killed and two injured. The thirty passengers on the flyer escaped almost without a scratch. The dead are. Engineer Robert McCutcheon, Harrisburg, Fireman G. C. Trostle, Harrisburg. The Express Messenge Motter, Harrisburg, crushed mortally; Bag-gage Master L. T. Vanaman, Harrisburg scalp wounds.

NEW SPANISH MINISTRY. The Composition of Senor Silvela's Con-

servative Cabinet. Madrid, Spain (By Cable) .- The new Cubinet has taken the oath of office. The Ministry is composed as follows: Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Silvela: Minister of the Interior, Senor Dato; Minister of Finance, Marquis Villa Verde, Minister of Justice, Senor Duran, Minister of Var, General Polavieja; Min-ister of Public Works and of the Colonies, Marquis Pidal; Minister of Marine, Ad-

Alaskans Want to Fight Filipinos. Alaska has a company of American vo'unteers for war against the Filipinos. They have just been mustered in at Skagway under Captain Slebery. Governor Brady, who is now at Washington, has been urged to use his influence to secure active service for the soldiers. The men think that if able to endure Alaskan hardships, they should be good soldiers in the

Bailey to Lead No More.

Representative Bailey of Texas in Washington announced that he would not be a candidate for the Democratic leadership in the next Congress.

PINO FORCES ROUTED.

ieral Hale's Brigade Advances Toward San Tolan and Mariquina, and Dislodges the Enemy.

A GUNBOAT ASSISTS IN THE ATTACK.

Natives Secure New Supplies of Smokeless Ammunition and Prepare For an Attack.

MANILA, Philippine Islands (By Cable) .-An advance was made Monday morning by General Hale's brigate on San Tolan and Mariquina. The Americans met with resistance from the largest body of the natives they have yet encountered.

The Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming eghments, with eight guns; the Utah Regiment and two companies of the Oregon

regiment were engaged. A gunboat also regiment were engaged. A gunboat also took; part in the fighting. The Twentieth Infartry was held in reserve.

The fighting spread to General Wheaton's brigade, consisting of the California, Washington and Idaho volunteer regiments and and Idaho volunteer regiments and

the Sixth Artillery.

The natives were disloded from their positions and compelled to retreat. Eight Americans were wounded.

All the native huts have been destroyed at Mariquina, and the country there is pretty well cleared.

Appendix the rebels have secured a new

Apparently the rebels have secured a new supply of smokeless ammunition recently, as there has been a noticeable difference during the last few days.

The rebels, anticipating an American advance are billy in throwing undeference in

The rebels, anticipating an American advance, are busy in throwing up defenses in every direction, and it is reported that they are levying men and supplies in every province. As a result great dissatisfaction prevails among the tribes ordinarily unfriendly to the Tagalos, particularly among the Hocanos, who assert their desire to assist in conquering the Tagalos if sire to assist in conquering the Tagalos, if

furnished with arms. The Spanish Commissioners who are en-deavoring to secure the release of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of Aguinaido, have returned to Malolos to offer \$2.000,000 for their release. As Aguinaldo has been demanding \$7,000,000, it is not likely their mission will be successful

OUR FORCE IN THE PHILIPPINES. Forty-one Thousand Officers and Men of

the Army and Navy in Service. the Army and Navy in Service.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Forty-one thousand officers and men of the combined army and navy forces comprise the approximate total American strength now at, en route and under orders for service at the Philippine Islands. No further reinforcements are now in contemplation.

The forces of the two services already stationed in and about the Archipelago

The forces of the two services already stationed in and about the Archipelago consists of twenty regiments of infantry, one engineer battalion, seven troops of cavalry and eleven batteries of artiliery, an aggregate of about 24,500 men. Nineteen vessels, with an aggregate of 297 officers, 2990 men and 25; marined make up the naval contingent.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR RETURNS. M. Jules Cambon Resumes His Diplo matic Posi ion in Washington.

NEW YORK CITY (Special) .- M. Jules Camoon, the French Ambassador to this country, who represented Spain in the negotiations leading to the signing of the peace



M. JULES CAMBON. protocol and who has been in Paris during the sessions of the Peace Commissioners, arrived in this city a few days ago on the French liner La Champagne. He proceeded directly to Washington. The vcyage had been pleasant, and M. Cambin looked in good health and spirits.

SIX MILLION ACRES SOLD.

Bid In by the New Union Pacific Company and Will Be Put on the Market.

OMAHA, Neb. (Special) .- All the lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Nebraska covered by the sinking fund mortgage of 1873 given by the old company to the Union Trust Company of New York as trustee were soll a few days ago for \$868,814, and were bought in by the new Union Pacific Company.

Sherman R. Day, of St. Paul, the special master, conducted the sale. Previous to offering the lands se described in the new

offering the lands as described in the no-tice of sale, Mr. Day offered the contracts of sale which are in force on other lands in Nebraska, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming, and on which payments are yet due from the purchasers. These were sold in a bunch to the Union Pacific Railroad Company for \$900,000, which is supposed to represent the amounts due on the con-tracts. In all 6,000,000 acres were sold. The company will at once place the lands

MR. CHOATE PRESENTED. Lord Sallsbury Introduced the Ambas-

sador to the Queen. LONDON (By Cable) .- The United States Ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, and Mrs Choate, proceeded Monday afternoon to Windsor, where they dined at the castle. Royal carriages awaited Mr. Choate and his party at Windsor station, and conveyed them to the castle, where Lord Salisbury introduced Mr. Choate to the Queen.

Mr. Kipling's Daughter Dead. Josephine, the eldest child of Rudyard

Kipling, the novelist, died of pneumonia a few days ago in New York City. Hooley to Be Prosecuted. The Registrar of the Bankruptcy Di Islon

of the High Court of Justice, London, has ordered the prosecution of Ernest Terah Hooley, a company promoter, against whom a receiving order in bankruptcy was issued early in June last. Bribe Offered to Attorney Monnett.

Standard Oil Trust agents are said to have offered Attorney-General Monnett, of Ohio, \$400,000 by telephone from the Wind sor Hotel, in New York City, to drop his suits against the combine. The offer was indignantly refused.

The Chicago carpenters will ask for a five-cent pur hour increase in wages April

A bill to make eight hours a day's work

in mines, passed by the Idaho House, was rejected by the Senate. The Thomas Iron Company, of Allentown, Penn., has advanced the wages of its employes ten per cent.

Coal miners of the Fort Dodge (Iowa) district have decided to ask for an eight hour day, beginning April 1.

The Hatmakers' Association, of Dan-bury, Conn., has donated \$100 to the locked-out boot and shoe workers of Mari-

DR. TALMAGES SERMON. jewel for a carcanet. It may contain an embroidered robe and a Dore's illustrated Bible. A bundle may have two treasures. Abigail in my text recognized this when

SUNDAY'S DISCOURSE BY THE NOTED DIVINE.

Subject: "Bungles of Life"-Inspiration Drawn From a Homely Phrase-Life, Spiritual and Physical, is Divinely Protected-Bundles Which Are Blessings. TEXT: "The soul of my Lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God."—I Samuel xxv., 29.

Beautiful Abigail, in her rhythmic plea

for the rescue of her inebriate husband who died within ten days, addresses David, the warrior, in the words of the text. She suggests that his life, physically and intellectually and spiritually, is a valuable package or bundle, divinely bound up and to be divinely protected.

The phrase "bundle of life" I heard many times in my father's family prayers. Family prayers you know, have frequent repeti-

tions, because day by day they acknowledge about the same blessings and deplore about the same frailties and sympathize with about the same misfortunes, and I do not know why those who lead at household devotions should seek variety of composidevotions should seek variety of composi-tion. That familiar prayer becomes the household liturgy. I would not give one of my old father's prayers for fifty elocu-tionary supplications. Again and again, in the morning and evening prayer, I heard the request that we might all be bound up in the bundle of life, but I did not know until a few days ago that the phrase was a Bible phrase. During the last well of cold weather there were bundles that attracted the at-

tention and the plaudits of the high heav-ens, bundles of clothing on the way from comfortable homes to the door of the mission room, and Christ stood in the snowbanks and said as the bundles passed: "Naked, and ye clothed me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brothren ye have done it unto me." Those bundles are mnitiblying. Blessings on those who pack them. Blessings on those who distribute them. Blessings on those who receive them, With what beautiful aptitude did Abigail in my text speak of the bundle of life! Oh, what a precious bundle is life! Bundle of

what a precious bundle is life! Bundle of memories, bundle of hopes, bundle of ambitions, bundle of destinies! Once in a while a man writes his autobiography, and it is of thrilling interest. The story of his birthplace, the story of his struggles, the story of his sufferings, the story of his triumphs! But if the autobiography of the triumphs! But if the autolography of the most eventful life were well written it would make many chapters of adventure, of tragedy of comedy, and there would not be an uninteresting step from cradle

Bundle of memories are you! Boyhood memories, with all its injustices from playmates, with all its game with ball and bat and kite and sled. Manhood memories, with all your struggles in starting—obstacles, opposition, accidents, misfortunes, lossés, successes. Memories of the first marriage you ever saw solemnized, of the first grave you ever saw opened, of the you ever saw opened, of the first mighty wrong you ever suffered, of the first victory you ever gained. Memory of the hour when you were affianced, memory of the first advent in your home, memory of roseate cheek faded and of blue eyes closed in the last sleep, memory of anthem and of dirge, memory of great pain and of slow convalescence, memory of pain and of slow convalescence, memory of times when all things were against you, memory of prosperities that came in like the full tide of the sea, memories of a life-What a bundle!

Bundle of hopes and ambitions also is almost every man and woman, especially at the starting. What gains he will harvest, or what reputation he will achieve, or what bliss he will reach, or what love he will win. What makes college commencement day so entrancing to all of us as we see the students receive their diplomas and take up the garlands thrown to their feet? They will be Faradays in science; they will be Tennysons in poesy; they will be Willard Parkers in surgery; they will be Alexander Hamiltons in national finance; they will be Horaco Greeleys in editorial chair; they will be Websters in the Senate. Or she will be websters in the senate. Or she will be a Mary Lyon in educational realms, or a Frances Willard on reformatory platform, or a Helen Gould in military hospitals. Or she will make home life radiant with helpfulness and self-sacrifice and magnificent womanhood. Oh, what a handle there are a magnificent womanhood. bundle of nopes and amoitions! It is a bundle of gariands and scepters from which I would not take one sprig of mignonette nor extinguish one spark of brilliance. They who start life without blank or spark of the many wrecks that we have passed on the way across wild seas and amid Caribblank beautiful and the way across wild seas and amid Caribblank beautiful and the way across wild seas and amid Caribblank beautiful and the way across wild seas and amid Caribblank beautiful and the way across wild seas and amid Caribblank beautiful and the way across wild seas and amid Caribblank beautiful and the way across wild seas and amid Caribblank beautiful and the way across wild seas and amid Caribblank beautiful and the way across wild seas and amid Caribblank beautiful and the way across will sea and amid Caribblank beautiful and the way across will be way across will be an explain the way across will be a complete the way across will be across will be a complete the way across will bundle of hopes and ambitions! It is a bright hopes and inspiring ambitions might as well not start at all, for every step will be a failure. Rather would I add to the bundle, and if I open it now it will be because I wish to take anything from the test with the start of the st

it, but that I may put into it more coronets Bundle of faculties in every man and very woman! Power to think—to think t the past and through all the future, to hink upward and higher than the highest nnacle of heaven, or to think downward ntil there is no lower abysm to fathom. ower to think right, power to think wrong, Power to think right, power to think wrong, power to think forever, for, once having begun to think, there shall be no terminus for that exercise, and cternity itself shall have no power to bid it halt. Faculties to love filial love, conjugal love, paternal love maternal love, love of country, love of God. Faculty of judgment, with scales so delicate and yet so mighty they can weigh arguments, weigh enotions, weigh weigh heaven and hell. Faculty of eigh heaven and hell. Faculty of vill, that can climb mountains or tunnel them, wade seas or bridge tuem, accepting eernal enthronement or choosing ever-lating exile. Oh, what it is to be a man! Oh what it is to be a woman! Sublime and hundle of faculties! The thought influite gers me, swamps me, stuns me, me, overwhelms me, Oh, what the Abigall of my text saw in which we ought to see in every a buntle o Davican immortal being! humai ye

Knor, also, that this bundle of life is properi directed. Many a bundle has properi directed. Many a bundle has missed is way and disappeared because the address has dropped, and no one can the address has dropped, and no one can find by earth nation for what city or town or neighbrholod it was intended. All great carrying ompanies have so many misdi-rected packages that they appoint days of rected packages that they appoint days of vendue to depose of them. All intelligent people know the importance of having a reluable pakage plainly directed, the name of the use to whom it is to go plainly written. Bagage master and expressman ought to know the first glance to whom

to take it.

The bundle of life 'hat Abigail in my text speaks of is plat ly addressed. By divine penmanship it is directed heavenward. However long may be the earthly distance it travels its destination is the eternal city of God on high. Every mile it goes away from that direction is by some human or infernal fraud practiced against goes away from that direction is by some human or infernal fraud practiced against it. There are those who put it on some other track, who pisplace it in some wrong conveyance, who send it off or send it back by some diabolic miscarriage. The value of that bundle is so well known all up and down the universe that there are 1,000,000 dishonest hands which are trying to detain dishonest hands which are trying to detain or divert it or to toreer stop its progress in the right direction. There are so many influences abroad to ruin your bouy, mind and soul that my wonder is not that so many are destroyed for this world and the

next, but that there are not more who go down irremediably.

Every buman being is assailed at the Within an hour of the time when this bundle of life is made up the assault pegins. First of all there are the infantile pegins. First of all there are the body just disorders that threaten the body just disorders. Scarlet launched upon earthly existence. Scarlet fevers and pneumonias and diphtherias and influenzas and the whole pack of epidemics surround the cradle and threaten its occupant; and infant Moses in the ark of bullrushes was not more imperiled by the monters of the Nile than every cradle is imperiled by ailments all devouring. In after years there are foes within and foes without. Evil appetite joined by outside allurements. Temptations that have utterly destroyed more people than new inhabit the earth. Cambling salcons and rummer-ies and places where dissoluteness reigns unreme, enough in number to go round and round the earth. Discouragements, jeulousies, revenges, malevolences, disappointments, swindles, arsons, conflagrapointments, swindles, elsous, configurations and cruelties, which make continued existence of the human lace a wonderment. Was ever any valuable builde ever so imperiled as this bundle of life? Ch, look at the address and get that bundle go

hands working in English factories. ing in the right way! "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and sou! A Boom at Pittsburg. A wave of prosperity in Pittsburg started every mill, factory and workshop to its and mind and strength. Know also that a hundle may have in it more than one invaluable. There may be every mill, facting it a photograph of a loved one and a fullest capacity.

GOD'S MESSAGE TO MAN.

PRECNANT THOUGHTS FROM THE she said to David, "The soul of my Jord is bound in the bundle of life with the Lord WORLD'S GREATEST PROPHETS. thy God." And Abigail was right. We may be bound up with a loving and sympathetic God. We may be as near to Him as ever were emerald and ruby united in one ring, as ever were two deeds in one package, as ever were two valuables in the same hundle. Together in time of sorrow.

I That Speak"-All Should Be Servants of God-"On The Palms of My Hands' - He Awoke From His Sleep - Life Strewn With Goodnesses.

To the woman of Samaria, As she stood before the well, Came a wondrous revelation-From a Stranger's lips it fell.

As she questioned of the future,
Reasoned of the Christ to be, Lo! the weary Trav'ler told her:
"I that speak to thee am He!" Was it strange that He should tell her?-

same bundle. Together in time of sorrow.

Together in time of joy. Together on earth. Together in heaven. Close companionship of God. Hear Him, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee," "For the mountains shall depart and the hills be

removed, but My kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee." And when those

Bible authors compared God's friend-ship to the mountains for height and

firmness they knew what they were writing about; for they well knew what mountains are. All those lands are mountainous. Mount Hermon, Mount Gilboa,

Mount Gerizim, Mount Engedi, Mount Horeb, Mount Nebo, Mount Pisgah, Mount

Olivet, Mount Zion, Mount Moriah, Mount

Lebanon, Mount Sinal, Mount Golgotha. Yes, we have the divine promise that all those mountains shall weigh their anchor-

age of rocks and move away from the earth before a loving and sympathetic God

will move away from us if we love and trust Him. Oh, if we could realize that

according to my text we may bound up with that God, how independent it would make us of things that now harass and annoy and discompose and torment us! Instead of a grasshopper being a burden, a world of care would be as light as a feather, and tombstones would be marble stairs to the King's palace, and all the giants of opposition we would smite down

giants of opposition we would smite down

hip and thigh with great slaughter.

Know, also, that this bundle of life will

be gladly received when it comes to the

and plainly directed. With what alacrity and glee we await some package that has

been foretold by letter, some holiday pre-sentation, something that will enrich and

ornament our home, some testimony of ad-

miration and affection! With what glow

of expectation we untie the knot and take

off the cord that holds it together in safety.

and with what glad exclamation we un-

roll the covering and see the gift or pur-chase in all its beauty of color and propor-tion. Well, what a day it will be when

your precious bundle of life shall be opened in the "house of many measions," amid saintly and angelic and divice inspection!

The bundle may be spotted with the marks

after inscription to tell through what or-deal it has passed, perhaps splashed of wave and scorched of flame, but all it has

wave and scorched of flame, but all it has within undamaged of the journey. And with what shouts of joy the bundle of life will be greeted by all the voices of the heavenly home circle.

In our anxiety at last to reach heaven we are apt to lose sight of the glee or welcome that awaits us if we get in at all. We all have friends up there. They will somehow hear that we are coming. Such close

how hear that we are coming. Such close

and swift and constant communication is

there between those uplands and these

lowlands that we will not surprise them by

sudden arrival. If loved ones on earth ex-

pect our coming visit and are at the depot with carriage to meet us, surely we will be met at the shining gate by old friends

now sainted and kindred now glorified. If

there were no angel of God to meet us and show us the palaces and guide us to our everlasting residence, these kindred we uld

show us the way and point out the splendors and guide us to our celes-tial home, bowered and fountained and

arched and illumined by a sun that never sets. Will it not be glorious, the going in

and the settling down after all the moving about and upsettings of earthly experience?

We will soon know all our neighbors, king-

We will soon know all our neighbors, king-ly, queenly, prophetic, apostolic, seraphic, archangelic. The precious bundle of life opened amid palaces and grand marches and acclamations. They will all be so glad we have got sately through. They saw us down here in the struggle. They saw us when we lost our way. They know when we got off the right course. None of the

when we lost our way. They knew when we got off the right course. None of the

thirty-two ships that were overdue at New York harbor in the storm of week before last was greeted so heartly by friends on

the dock or the steam tags that went out to meet them at Sandy Hook as we will be greeted in the heavenly world if by the pardoning and pro-tecting grace of God we come to celestial wharlage. We shall have to tell them of

bean cyclones. It will be like our arrival some years ago from New Zealand at Syd-ney, people surprised that we got in at all, because we were two days late, and some

of the ships expected had gone to the bot-tom, and we had passed derelicts and abandoned crafts all up and down that aw-

ful channel-our arrival in heaven all the

more rapturously welcomed because of the doubt as to whether we would ever get

Once there it will be found that the

safety of that precious bundle of life was assured because it was bound up with the life of God in Jesus Christ. Heaven could

not afford to have that bundle lost because

it had been said in regard to its transporta-tion and safe arrival, "Kept by the power

of God through faith unto complete salva-tion." The veracity of the heavens is in-volved in its arrival. If God should fail.

to keep His promise to just one ransomed soul, the pillars of Jehovah's throne would fall, and the foundations of the

eternal city would crumble, and infinite poverties would dash down all the

chalices, and close all the banqueting halls,

and the river of life would change its course, sweeping everything with desola-

tion, and frost would blast all the gardens, and immeasurable sickness slay the im-mortals, and the new Jerusalem become

an abandoned city, with no charlot wheel on the streets and no worshippers in the temple—a dead Pompeli of the skies, a

buried Herculaneum of the heavens. Lest any one should doubt, the God who cannot

ie smites his omnipotent hand on the side

As I live, saith the Lord God, I have

no pleasure in the death of him that dieth."
Oh, I cannot tell you how I feel about it, the thought is so glorious. Bound up with

God. Bound up with infinite mercy. Bound up with infinite joy. Bound up with infinite purity. Bound up with infinite might. That thought is more beautiful and glorious than was the heroic Abigail, who at the feet of the argument of "Bound in the feet of the argument of of the argument

the foot of the crags uttered, "Bound in the bundle of life with the Lord thy God!"

Now, my hearer and reader, appreciate the value of that bundle. See that it is

bound up with rothing mean, but with the unsullied and the immaculate. Not with a pebble of the shifting beach, but with the

kohinoor of the palace; not with some fading regalia of earthly pomp, but with the robe washed and made white in the

OPPOSED TO SUNDAY FUNERALS.

Fifteen Clergymen Protest in the "In-

Tricen of the preachers of New Bruns-

wick, N. J., nave taken a stand against Sunday funerals. They have signed the

"We, the undersigned pastors and restdent clergymen of the cty of New Bruns-wick, N. J., agree that the practice of holding funerals on Sanday ought to be discouraged. Our usua duties in church

sacred privileges that the Lord's Day prings to men. Undertakers, superin-

brings to men. Undergaters, superin-tendents of cemeteries, gravediggers,

liverymen, railroad men, ficrists, carriers and others are compelled to fibor because

of these services being held on Sunday

Hence we deem it wise and just to with

hold our countenance of such services, and

to notify our congregations and the public that we do not wish to officiate at funerals on Sunday. This is done in the interests of humanity."

England to Raise the School-Age Limit

of 307 to 59, passed the second reading of the bill raising the age at which a child

may leave school from eleven to twelve

The British House of Commons, by a voto

terests of Humanity."

blood of the Lamb.

following notice:

his throne and takes affidavit, declaring,

there at all.

of much exposure, it may bear inscription

or of the mansion for which it was bound

Woman, sinner, Jew-cursed race— Was it strange that He should tell her At that lonely time and place? Twas a secret for the sages! Prophet, priest, yea, seraphim Could but bend entranced to listen Were the secret told to him. But a woman! Oh, the wisdom Of the Master! Do we see How He stoops to raise the lowest In this, "I that speak am He?"

Never could she read the myst'ry Of the coming of the Lord, Nor in synagogue or temple Hear His voice explain the word. But her sin-seared spirit thirsted, As the Master knew it would. When He proffered living water And his words she understood From the woman of Samaria

Spreads the message far and near, And we know that midst our duties We the steps of Love may hear. That beside our broken well-curbs We may drop our tolls and cares. Our perplexities and questions, All that mocks and frets, and wears, While we listen for the Trav'ler Coming toward Galilee; Listen till we hear Him saying, "I that speak to thee am He!"

And where'er the Gospel goeth To the lowest of our race, Gladly borne by God's evangels, Messengers of His free grace, Lo! when dull eyes lift and brighten, When slow lips attempt a prayer, Comes the surety that the presence Of the Mighty One is there. Not alone, O weary workers, Are you in your ministry; Still He says in your Samaria: "I that speak to thee am He!"

'Tis the message for the millions. Wise and unwise, sinners, saints, Lay aside your definitions, Creeds, and doubts, and dire complaints, Come and stand with ear attentive On the road to Galilee, Let your thirsting souls receive it—
"I that speak to thee am He!"
—Mrs. O. W. Scott, in Zion's Herald.

All Should Be Servants of God. A man's attitude toward God is the most vital, the most practical, the most immediately imperative matter before him at every moment of his life. Making all allowance for differences in education, temperamen and circumstances, it remains true that every one ought to determine to be a servant of God. This does not necessarily mean that any two men or women are to live precisely the same lives, to have only identical aims in lite, or to hold exactly similar beliefs. It does mean that each one, in his own circumstances, with whatever natural endow ments he may possess, and with all the strength of his being, ought to determine, once for all, to obey and love God. It is not extravagant, sentimental or unfair to urge upon people in any tactful manner the duty of immediate decision of this question un-less they have already have decided it. It is, when rightly viewed, the one most press-ing, most solemn, matter in their his-tory. Its decision affects not only the fat future beyond the grave but also the years which may lie before some of us in this life, and the days and weeks which we call the immediate present. It affects the character and the very atmosphere of life, alike externally and within the heart. He who resolves to devote himself to the ser-vice of God is right. Nothing can change that fact. He who resolves the contrary, or who even falls to resolve delib-erately at all is wrong. And nothing can change that fact. To be right means as much of peace and of happiness as God sees to be consistent with the individ best development for the present and the future. It means usefulness. It means quiet, serene trust in overruling love and care. It means not only this but safety. To be wrong means the forfeit of of these things, whatever God may still see fit to grant in the way of blessing. Sooner or later, too, it means self-condemnation.

"On the Palms of My Hands." The Orientals have a custom of tattooing the name of beloves friends on the hand. . Child of God, thou art photographed where God must ever behold thee, on His hands on His heart. Thou art never for a mo-ment out of His thought, nor hidden from ment out of his thought, nor hidden from His eye. Not on one hand only, but on hoth. It is the plural in each case: "On the palms of My hands." Not tattooed or photographed, the marks of which might be obliterated and obscured; but graven. The graving-tool was the spear, the nail, the graves. "Don't write there" and an urphing cross. "Don't write there," said an urchin to a young exquisite scratching with a diamond on the window of a waiting-room.
"Why not?" was the startled inquiry. "Because you can't rub it out," was the instant Glass will not give up its inscriptions, nor the onyx-stone its seal, nor the its profile; but sooner might they renounce their trust than the hands of Christ. "He showed unto them His hands and His side."

-Rev. F. B. Meyer. He Awoke From His Sleep. I heard once of a man who dreamed that he was swept into heaven and he was there in the glory world, and oh! he was so de-lighted to think that he had at last made heaven, that he had got there. And all at once one came and said, "Come, I want to show you something." And he took him to the battlements and he said, "Look down yonder; what do you see?" "I see a very dark world." "Look and see if you know the "Why we "he said "that is the it." "Why, yes," he said, "that is the world I have come from." "What do you see?" "Why, men are blindfold d there: many of them are going over a precipice."
"Well, will you stay here and enjoy beaven or will you go back to earth and spend little longer time, and tell those men about this world?" He was a worker who had been discouraged, like Elijah. He awoke from his sleep and said, "I have never wished myself dead since."—D. L. Moody.

Life Strewn With Goodnesses. We are tempted to overlook, and often fall to appreciate, our daily mercles. One hour of pain is more magnified than twelve hours of pleasure. An occasional eclipse of the un excites more attention than its ordinary shining. A desired mercy withheld throws into the shade a hundred enjoyed. An afflic overclouds the vision and hinders the sight, or at least the enjoyment, of blessings. Life is strewn with goodnesses if we only note and enjoy them. No day is so dark but what some rays of hope and joy

illumine the sky .- Presbyterian. discouraged. Our usua duties in church and Sunday-school are quite sufficient without this additional demand on our time and strength, yet his is not the first consideration that prompts our action. Funerals on Sunday ectipel many others to labor who are entitled to the rest and county profilers. "There is no rest for the wicked,"
"There remains a rest for the people of God." Between these poles of distress and Between these poles of distress and expectation lies the territory of our experience as sinners, who by God's help strive and hope to overcome. And in that hope and effort comes our present rest, like a bird that is in and out again, like gleams and foretokenings of the home that Christ pro-Dares.

> COIN IIII YEARS OLD. Rare Find in a Potato Patch in Riche mond Township, Penn.

Jacob Rightnour, of Reading, Penn. is the owner of a coin which the Philade phia Mint officials say is 1111 years old. Rightnour has owned the coin for more than a quarter of a century, and recently refused \$50 for it. He found the coin while picking potatoes on a farm in Richmond Township.

It was much corroded, and the inscrip-

The operation of this law will tion indistinct. He dropped the coin in vinegar, and after three days was able to greatly reduce the number of balf-time end the words on one side. Later he was able to decipher the other side. The in-er ption on one side was "Auctorist Con-25c." On the other side were the words: "Inde et Lib." Under this is the date, "783."

THE SABBATH SCHOOL, A TEMPERANCE COLUMNA

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR MARCH 26.

Review of the First Quarter-Golden Text: "My Sheep Heed My Voice, and I Know Them, and They Follow Me," John x.

27-Commentary by Rev. D. M. Stearns LESSON I .- Christ the True Light (John LESSON I.—Curist the True Light (John i., 1-14). Golden Text, John i., 4, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." Three of the leading words in this gospel and also in John's epistles are light, affe and love. Each is fully seen in Christ. We are all naturally darkness, but He so loved us that He gave Himself for us and gives Himself to us, and when we receive Him He becomes to us both life and light Inasmuch as He is the Creator of all things how great is the life and light!

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LESSON II.—Christ's First Disciples (John i., 35-46). Golden Text, John i., 36, "Behold the Lamb of God." He remained on earth till He had finished the work the earth till He had hinshed the work the Father gave Him to do, the great work of atonement, and by His life had shown us the life men ought to live. Now He wants all the time till He shall come again those who will not only let Him save them, but who will follow fully in His steps and let Him reproduce in them by His Spirit His

own life to the glory of God.

LESSON III.—Christ's First Miracle (John il., 1-11). Golden Text, John il., 11, "And His disciples believed on Him." At this feast and by this miracle He manifested forth His glory. He always endourages His disciples to patience and fatchfulness in the state of the state o by thoughts and glimpses of His glory.
Consider and see how He did this in the case of Abraham and Jacob, Moses and Joshua, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, Peter, James and John and Saul of Tarsus. Lesson IV.—Christ and Nicodemus (John III., 1-16). Golden Text, John III., 16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whose-ever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." No natural

but have everlasting life." No natural man, however moral or religious, can un-derstand the things of God. He must first receive a nature capable of understanding these things. He must be born from above. Lesson V.—Christ at Jacob's Weli (John iv., 5-15). Golden Text, John iv., 14, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." While shall give him shall never thirst." White religious, moral people must be born again sinners such as this woman may be born again. Even Samaritans may come. All may receive the living water which

will be a well in them ever satisfying and flowing forth to bless others. LESSON VI.—The Nobleman's Son Healed (John iv., 43-54). Golden Text, John iv., 53, "Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth. And himself believed and his whole house." In each chapter the way of life and of dis-cipleship is set forth as believing, and in this lesson it is believing without seeing or eeling, just believing His word because it

is His word.
LESSON VII.—Christ's Divine Authority
(John v., 17-27). Golden Text, John iv.,
42, "This is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world." In the last lesson a dying boy was healed, now it is a helpless man

of the world." In the last lesson a dying boy was healed, now it is a helpless man who had been suffering for thirty-eight years, but it is the same all powerful word that does it, the word by which all things were created. All things were created by Him and for Him. He only knoweth the Father, and He alone can reveal the Father, and He alone can reveal the Father. All judgment has been committed to Him and likewise all power.

Lesson VIII.—Christ Feeding the Five Thousand (John vi., 1-14). Golden Toxt, John vi., 35, "I am the Bread of Life." He is El Shaddai (Gen. xvii., 1), the mighty God, who is all sufficient. He needs no advice from us, nor any heip. He will let us be His fellow laborers, but the work and all provision for it and all the glory of it are wholly His. He can work entirely apart from us, or He may take what we have and bless and multiply it.

Lesson IX.—Christ at the Feast (John vii., 14, 23-37). Golden Text, John vii., 37, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink." [Bread and water represent that which our bodies need for sustenance, and one of the great promises is, "Bread and water represent the beauty of the present of the pre

and one of the great promises is, "Bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure" (Isa. xxxiii., 16). While we would not think much of such a diet it is suggestive of all our needs, and all that n tive of all our needs, and all that need is met in Him who is the living bread and the fountain of living waters. The Jews kept the feast; but knew Him not. We may be very religious, but it is Himself alone and not ordinances that can satisfy. Paul took pleasure and glorified in infirmities that the wonderful power of Christ might rest upon him (II Cor. xii., 9-10). All that God does is that His dear Son may be glorifled

does is that His dear Son may be glorified, and when we receive and worship Him and honor Him God is well pleased for the testimony. The Christian must be ready to spend and be spent.

LESSON X.—Christ Freeing From Sin (John viii., 12, 31-36). Golden Text, John viii., 36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free we shall be free indeed." Those you free, ye shall be free indeed." Those who think they are all right may, like these self righteous Pharisees, be all wrong. If a man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. These himself by the same since and did not blind Phanisees were sinners and did not know it. The poor woman was a sinner and knew it. A sense of sin is necessary before one can enjoy the forgiveness of

sins. LESSON XI.—Christ Healing the Blind Man (John ix., 1-11). Golden Text, John ix., 25, "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." Not only do all things work together for good to them that love God, but all things, all events, all circumstances give God an occasion to work. The blind and lame, the deaf and dumb, the sick and dying, weak and the infirm, all give the Lord an opportunity either to be glorified in healing them or in manifesting special grace by showing forth in their infirmities His meekness and patience un-der trial, for the ornament of a meek and quet trial, for the ornament of a meet and quiet spirit is in the sight of God of great price (I Pet. iii., 4).

LESSON XII.—Christ, the Good Shepherd (John x., 1-16). Golden Text, John x., 11, "I am the Good Shepherd, the Good Shep-

herd giveth His life .for the sheep." In no herd giveth His life for the sheep." In no sense a hireling, never seeking His own will, nor His own glory, but always the glory of His Father and the good of men, for men and women are the sheep of His pasture, and children are His lambs whom He gathers with His arm and carries in His bosom (Ps. c., S; Isa. xi., 11). When we are willing to forget and deny self and live only for Him and for others, we will prove in our daily life that we have His prove in our daily life that we have His Spirit. All self seeking and self pleasing are contrary to His Spirit. We are saved by beholding Him, we grow by continuing to behold Him, and we shall be like Him when we see Him as He is (John i., 23, 36; Cor. iii., 18; I John iii., 2).-Lesson

REPORTER AN ASSISTANT KING. Alleged Adventures of a Boston News paper Man.

Captain Shurtleffe, of the bark Gerald Captain Shurriene, of the Shar Captain Toby, who has just arrived at Taooma, Wash., from China, tells how a Boston reporter has risen within a year to be assistant king of the Yap Islands, which are classed as belonging to the Caroline group.

Just before the Toby was towed out of New York Harbor last war several intoxi-New York Harbor last year several intoxi-New York harbor last year social independent of the by boarding-house masters. Among them was "Charley," a Boston newspaper man whose last name Shurtleffe has forgotten. Becoming sober he was greatly surprised

becoming soler has a substantial to find himself plowing the Atlantic Ocean bound for China. At Singapore he went ashore, engaged in a fight, and was jailed. He was released, and went to Hong Kong by steamer, reaching there before Shurtleffe. He soon fell in with King O'Keefe of the Ken falands, who had arrived at Hong the Yap Islands, who had arrived at Hone Kong in his yacht to attend the annual races. O'Keele took "Charley" to become assistant king and ruler of his second largest island, on which O'Keefe is opening new plantations.

Would Abolish Tight Lacing. Mr. Daggett, of Bear Creek, introduced in the Wisconsin Assembly a joint resolution looking to the protection of the health of women in the State of Wisconsin by making a law to prohibit tight lacing. He proposes a commission, to be made up of hree members of the Assembly and one of the Senate, to draft such a bill as he has in

The Government's New Cipher Code. The chief signal officer of the army at Washington has just completed a new de-partment cipher which will effect a considrable saving in cable tolls in communicating with distant stations where cable rates are high. It is an arbitrary word cipher, in which a single word stands for a long

THE DRINK EVIL MADE MANIFEST IN MANY WAYS.

Join the Band-No Matter How Much Glamour is Thrown Around Wine it is the Same Deadly Irritant Poison-

Wine Bibbing Leads to Disaster. Drink reigns almost supreme, How Potent is its sway, It prostrates high and low It wrecks both grave and gay Then shun the treach rous drink And boldly take your stand, Amongst the brave and free The growing Temperance band.

All Use of Wine Condemned. To the Editor: Sir-A writer who styles herself "A temperance woman, but not a testotaler," recently filled two-thirds of a column on the Woman's Page in the New York Tribune with suggestions as to the kinds of wine and the manner of serving

the same. Growing enthusiastic with her subject she arabes qued it with the sparkle of gill and cut glass, Bohemian and Roman, and ast about it a spell of aroma and bouquet, intil the reader is reminded of description of bacchanalian feasts in the history of the

dend nations. Her advice is decidedly belated; it does not fit the intelligence of our times. Chemistry shows that the "one wine, red or white," which this writer says should be used "straight through" a home dinner contains a varying percentage of alcohol. Whether there be in this wine much or little alcohol, the character of that alcohol is the same. It is an irritant, narcotic pol-son. Its best friends cannot deny that it son. Its best irrends cannot denythat is has the power, when taken even in small quantities, to create a progressive. uncontrollable and destractive appetite for more. This appetite grows stealthily upon the drinker. The ability to resist it varies with the individual, and is dependent upon physical conditions, in which hereidity is a powerful factor. John B. Gough said, "My father could be a moderate drinker, but I can be only a total abstainer or a gutter drunkard."

The gratification of this appetite ends in The gratification of this appetite ends in irunkenness, crime, poverty, misery and madness. Therefore, the family or individual who is drinking the rad or white wine which this so-called temperance woman recommends for the daily home dinner is trying a very dangerous experiment. Eighty-four per cent. of our oriminals, seventy-live per cent. of our paupers, fifty per cent. of the inmates of our insane asylums began their careers with so-called asylums began their careers with so-called moderate drinking. No human being can foresee when he begins where such tippling will land him. He is dealing in futures, with no knowledge of his chances beyond the fact that the drink he is imbibling has

in navor and the amount of allocol they contain. Providing for guests four different kinds of poisonous drinks which have the power for harm that alcohol has is, to say the least, a barbarian sort of hospitala relic of the days that had not the light of modern science.

Through its action on the nerves and orain, also hol, of all agents, is the most powerful for the destruction of those qualities of mind and character that make a people capable of self-government. therefore, the most dangerous of all foes to our free institutions, which rest upon the capacity of our people for self-govern-

To follow this wine-bibbing advice is an invitation to disaster to that which we hold most dear—liberty under law. The capacity for government of the American people will stand the strain of the colonial expansion has thrust upon us, if alcohol is shollshed from our habits. Commenting on this probability, Adolph Fick, professor of physiology in Wurtzburg University, Germany, in a public lecture said:
"There is good reason for asserting that

the Anglo-Saxon race at no very distant the Angio-Saxon race at no very distan-day will free itself from the yoke of alco-tion. Whether it will then be possible for those races still submitting to its use to compete with the Angio-Saxon in their economical pursuits is a question to be thoughtfully considered."

MARY H. HUNT.

Tolstoy on the Drink Question.

The physiological and mental proved alcohol are now fully and clearly proved alcohol are now fully and science, Alcohol The physiological and mental effects o by physicians and men of science, is a recognized poison which impairs di-gestion, disintegrates the blood and lowers the strength. These are a few of the physiological effects. Alcohol also pro-duces a weakening and obscuring of the mind. It has been proved by repeated scientific experiments that it reduces the working capacity of the mind and body The mental and physical stimulation which follows the absorption of alcohol is

very brief and worthless. e idea that the moderate use of alcoho! is harmless is now absurd. It injures a person exactly in proportion to the quantity taken, however small that quantity may be.

To-day one can not and dare not say that the use or alcohol is a personal concern only; that the moderate use is uninjurious; that every one knows what he is doing and needs no lessons from others. No, it is no longer a private affair. It is an affair of the greatest importance to the community. Whether they wish it or not, all men are to-day divided into two camps—those who fight by word and example agains. the purposeless use of a poison, and those who defend that poison by word and example. And we see this fight going on in every land. In Russia it has been carried on with especial energy for the last twenty years.-Leo Tolstoy.

The Great Destroyer of Anglo-Saxons. Mr. T. W. Russell, member of the Eaglish Parliament, in an address at Belfast, Ireland, referred to the history of the members belonging to a young men's society in County Tyrone thirty-five years ago, and declared that everyone whose life had turned out a failure had been ruined by drink. He described the appearance of the most brilliant of the youthful band laboring on a wharf at New York, brought low by the mocker. Drink had the country by the throat. When A. M. Sullivan lay on his death-bed he sent for the speaker, pointed out to him that the Irish party was going to be captured by the drink-power, and charged him never to give up the battle. The public house had become a more potent force in politics than church a more potent force in points that can be or chapel. The apathy of Christian men and ministers was astounding. The score and vengeance of a trade grown rich by widows' tears and children's cries were always to the control of the co most enough to make one quail. Drink was the great destroyer of the Anglo-Saxor race; Satan's prime agency in the unmaking of men. The lecturer had changed some of his views, but those on the drink question he had never modified in the

slightest degree.

Notes of the Crusade. The imperialism in the saloon power is the imperialism to be dreaded. This country can take care of Agulouldo easier than we can of the salbonkeeper and his vast

army. It is significant of the progress that tem perance agitation is making in Germany that 200 students of the University of Berlin have organized themselves into a total

abstinence club, the first in the empire. The brewers who were so patriotic at the outbreak of the war are now orously against the additional war tax Their patriotism was only on the

foam after all. One-id ad men have controlled the thought forces in every age of the world. They generate an irresistible white heat.

There has been more American boys in the army rained by rum since the begin-ning of the Spanish War than there will be Cubans and other heathens of our new dominions saved by American missionaries

in the next ten years. Granger County, Ohio, prohibits the sale of liquor and there is not a saloon in the county. Recently the sheriff of that county brought a prisoner to the penitentiary at Columbus. He told a reporter of the State Journal that he was serving his second term as sheriff and this man was the first he had brought to the penitentiary. He attributed this remarkable fact to the absence of saloons in the county.